have freedom to work out suitable remuneration packages for their managerial personnel within the prescribed limits.

Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) have reported that no formal advice has been issued by financial institutions (FIs) to their nominee directors regarding remuneration of managerial personnel in assisted companies. However, the nominee directors of FIs are expected to act in the best interest of the assisted company and also safeguard the interests of the FI concerned. The nominee directors periodically submit their reports to the FIs concerned on the board meetings attended by them. Based on their reports, where necessary, FIs take up issues with the assisted companies.

Promotions of Field Publicity Officers

2056. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of Field Publicity Officers (FPOs) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting are serving in the country particularly in the North-Eastern Region for the last 20-30 years, not getting any promotion;

(b) what are the categories of such officers who do not have any promotional avenues throughout their careers;

(c) how many such officers have been promoted to higher posts during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether these officers had appealed to Government for promotion to higher cadre through the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in the recent past; and

(e) if so, what was the outcome of the CAT's verdict in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) The present total sanctioned strength of 245 posts of Field Publicity Officers in the Directorate of Field Publicity comprises 188 posts belonging to Indian Information Service Cadre and 57 posts as Field Publicity Officers (Border). The Field Publicity Officers (Border) who were recruited directly through Union Public Service Commission during 1965-66, 1972-74 and 1991-94, do not have promotional avenues at present and none of these officers has got promotion during the last 3 years.

(d) and (e) The application moved by some FPOs (Border) in the Calcutta Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has been admitted and listed for next hearing on 13.9.1995.

Cost of IB Power Project in Orissa

2057. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had written to the then Chief Minister of Orissa in January, 1994 that though the Central Electricity Authority had cleared the IB Power project with AES of USA at a certain cost, there can be scope for further reductions;

(b) if so, why did the CEA clear this project at a higher cost;

(c) whether Government took steps to have the cost reduced;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL) (a) to (e) Ministry of Power had written the letter under reference to former Chief Minister in January, 1994, when this proposal was at intitial stages and the costs and various terms and